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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2007, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Support for the Amendment begins on page 5 of this paper.

Request for Reconsideration begins on page 5 of this paper.